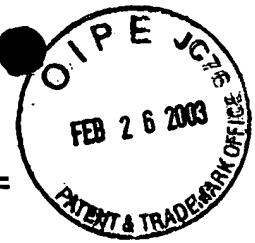


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Response Under 37 CFR §1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Group Art Unit 3621  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hirotoshi MAEGAWA, et al.

Art Unit: 3621

Serial No.: 09/148,832

Examiner: J. Hayes

Filed: September 4, 1998

Docket No.: 103203-08003

For: NETWORK SYSTEM, DATA DISTRIBUTION METHOD, AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH DISTRIBUTION USE DATA  
IS RECORDED AND WHICH CAN BE READ BY COMPUTER

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 26, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2002 ("outstanding Action"),  
the period for response having been extended for one (1) month from February 1, 2003  
to March 3, 2003 (March 1, 2003 having fallen on a Saturday) by the attached Petition  
for Extension of Time, please reconsider the above-identified application amended as  
follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 18, 35 and 52 as follows (a marked-up copy of the  
amended claims is attached as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.121):